

## HOW SLEUTH GAMBLER IN CANFIELD'S.

Jacobs Tells How He Bought Stack of Chips and Played Them at Faro and Roulette in the Place.

JEROME IS VERY INDIGNANT.

Declares He May Lock Up Editors If Criticism on His Office and Methods Continue as in the Star Chamber Inquiry.

The wheels in the legal machinery, set in motion by the raids on Canfield's and Farrell's gambling-houses, whirled merrily to-day. District-Attorney Jerome declared less majesty against the newspapers that printed accounts of the secret inquiry that resulted in the arrest of Jesse Lewisohn yesterday, the explanations of D. W. Bucklin, Canfield's manager, and George Smith, Farrell's doorman, were begun. Inspector Brooks answered a summons asked for by Canfield calling for his attendance in Yorkville Court, and Joseph Jacobs, the "Rubber-Faced Detective," had his first taste of cross-examination by two of the leading members of the New York bar—former Justice of the Supreme Court Furman and former Gov. Black. All of this was concentrated in a few hours.

**Berates the Newspapers.**  
Having read the papers "Emperor William" loaded the pockets of his uster with cigarettes and hid himself to the Criminal Courts building and locked himself in his private office. When the atmosphere was sufficiently befogged by smoke he summoned the reporters to his presence.

He voiced acute displeasure at the reports in the morning newspapers concerning the "proceedings" attending the arrest of Jesse Lewisohn yesterday, because Mr. Lewisohn refused to tell whether or not he had ever gambled in Canfield's. He said that The World's account was the only one approaching accuracy. The others he characterized as garbled and misleading.

**Passing the "Danger Line."**  
"So far as I am concerned," said Mr. Jerome, "I am not a lung full of superior Turkish cigarette smoke. I don't care a rap what the newspapers say about me, personally. But when they jeopardize the cause for which I stand and they say ANYTHING that has a tendency to distort or misrepresent and belittle a cause which is bigger than I am they pass the line. It comes to this—that I shall either refuse to talk to newspaper men at all or else I will take action to maintain my position in this community. I will arrest a managing editor, if necessary."

None of the reporters dropped dead. "Do you think that all gambling ought to be suppressed?" asked one of them. "That," said Mr. Jerome, "is an academic question."

"There appears to be an opinion that you are trying to do the air in trying to close a gambling place at which none but rich men play," said another reporter.

**Must Be Decent, If Rich.**  
Mr. Jerome inhaled enough cigarette smoke to inflate a small balloon and then exhaled like a fire engine. "I don't know what the very rich have any prescriptive right to be indecent," he said. "It has not been my experience that the rich are always decent any more than the educated are always gentlemen."

**Obedience to the Law First.**  
"In a democratic community like this the all-important thing is obedience to the law. The salvation of this community rests upon respect for the law, and I am going to enforce that respect among the rich as well as among the poor."

When I began this business everybody thought I wouldn't have the nerve to go after big game. Now that I have gone against the biggest game in the city the newspapers are turning the other way. I am not afraid of being removed from office, and I want that understood."

**Black Rap on Jerome.**  
Ex-Governor Black said this afternoon when asked as to the truth of the report that charges would be formulated against Mr. Jerome: "Jerome has been running riot long enough. We all know that he has his ducks to reform, but that accounts the public cannot be informed of what happens there any more than it can be informed of the proceedings in the Grand Jury room."

As to the charges, Jerome is going to try to have him removed, that is premature. I will say, however, that we are making a very careful examination of all the facts in the case, and whatever seems justified when we get through with our investigation will be done. It is not true that we are throwing all our energy into a case for the removal of the District-Attorney. But

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## VANDERBILT HAS CHANGE FOR BETTER

Dr. Flint Announces Late This Afternoon that the Young Millionaire's Condition Is Improved.

CRISIS NOW AT HAND.

A Definite Bulletin Will Be Issued To-night, Which May Announce the End of All Danger—Father-in-Law Calls.

Dr. Austin Flint, Jr., paid two visits to the home of Cornelius Vanderbilt late this afternoon. When asked the meaning of this he said that the crisis of the disease of Mr. Vanderbilt was at hand and that from the indications he considered the conditions favorable.

"There is a change for the better," said Dr. Flint. "We have been observing Mr. Vanderbilt closely and we look for a reduction in his temperature in a short time. If the family permits we will issue a bulletin of a definite nature some time after 8 o'clock to-night."

From the demeanor of Dr. Flint, as he made this statement, it is believed that he is convinced that his patient is approaching the crisis under circumstances most favorable. Doubtless there was a change for the better in Mr. Vanderbilt's condition during the afternoon, because at an earlier visit of Dr. Flint to the house he gave out a statement of the condition of his patient that indicated at that time his belief that the situation was extremely grave.

Upon his first visit to the home of Mr. Vanderbilt this afternoon, Dr. Flint was accompanied by Dr. Janeway. It was the first time that there had been an afternoon consultation, and the unusual condition was called for by the fact that Mr. Vanderbilt was on the verge of the crisis. At that time Dr. Flint announced that the attempts to reduce the temperature of the patient had been unsuccessful. At his later visit the temperature was found to be reduced.

R. T. Wilson, whose daughter is the wife of Mr. Vanderbilt, called at the Vanderbilt house this afternoon. When he came out he said:

"My son-in-law is a very sick man. No one is allowed in the sick room except the nurses. I understand that his pulse is slightly better to-day and this, I believe, is a good sign. I called to see my daughter, who, it had been reported to me, was greatly over-wrought by reason of her care of her sick husband, but I was pleased to find that she was not as badly off as I had feared."

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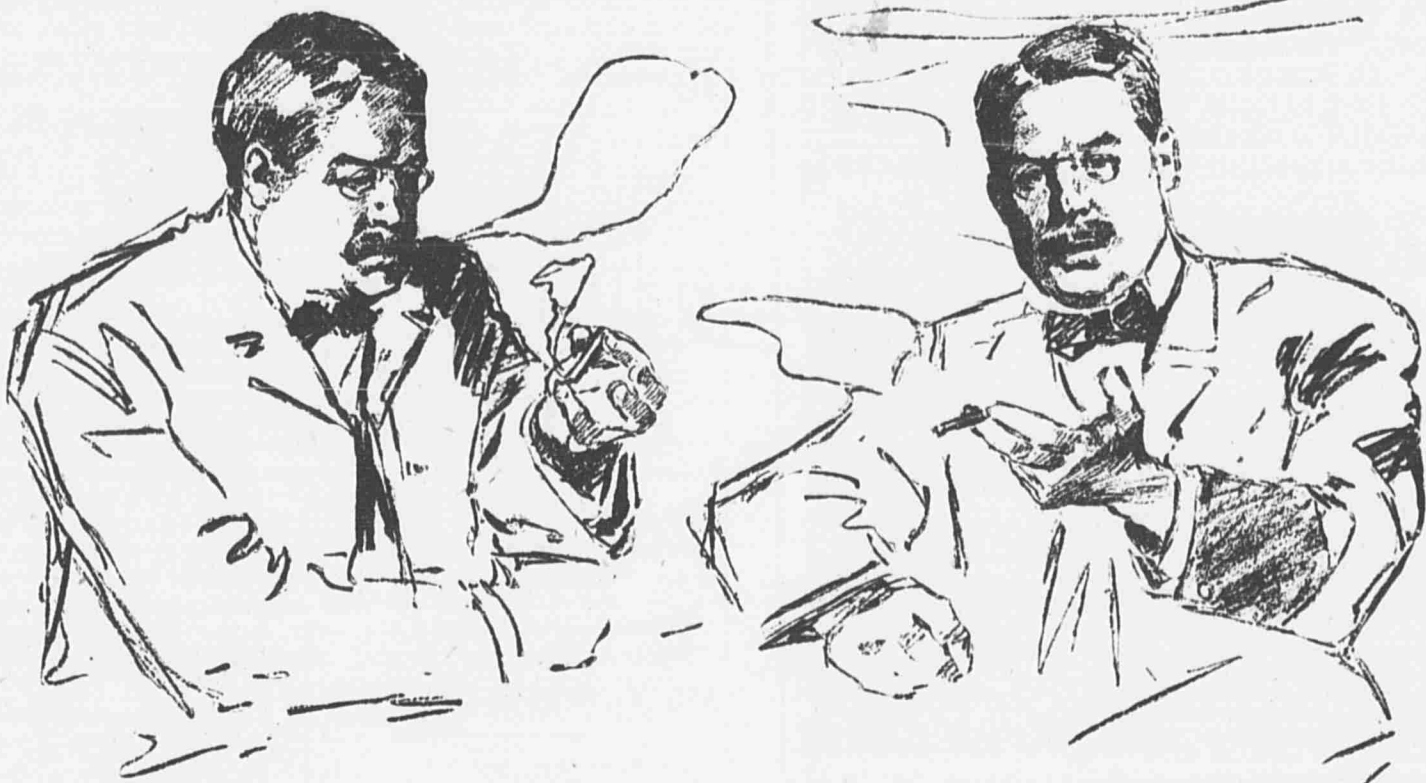
The following has just been issued: "Mr. C. S. Bush, Steward of the Western Jockey Club—After a thorough investigation of the methods of the firm of Stitzel & Grefer, who have been doing a business of bookmaking under the title of the Iowa Club, we suggest that W. Stitzel and F. J. Grefer be ruled off the turf. We further suggest that the suspensions of Hatfield and Gentry and of Jockey W. Hicks be continued, and that, pending the completion of the investigation, Ed. Gaines (known as 'Bob') and R. Cash, valets for Jockey W. Hicks, be denied all privileges. By order, 'CRESCENT CITY JOCKEY CLUB.'"

**WEATHER FORECAST.**  
Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 5 P. M. Thursday for New York City and vicinity—Fair to-night and Thursday; temperature slightly below freezing to-night; fresh westerly winds.

"Black and White" Scotch Whisky will leave a pleasant taste in your mouth."

## HOW DISTRICT-ATTORNEY JEROME EMPHASIZES HIS EARNESTNESS WITH THE AID OF A CIGARETTE.

Sketched from life by Haydon Jones.



## TWO MORE ROADS TO TUNNEL INTO CITY.

Board of Aldermen Rushes Through a Franchise to the Erie and Lackawanna Companies for a Terminal Scheme Rivaling that of the Pennsylvania.

Members of the Board of Aldermen awoke to-day to the fact that in rushing through last night a franchise to the New York and New Jersey Company to tunnel under the Hudson River and erect a terminal in this city, they had authorized a rival scheme, that is almost as great as that of the Pennsylvania road, which was so long held up. They thought they were simply voting for the old trolley tunnel, but find now that they have given a franchise to the Erie and Lackawanna roads to tunnel into the city and erect a great terminal station.

**GROUT LET OUT NEWS.**

Comptroller Grout let out the secret, when he said to-day to an Evening World reporter:

"The franchise granted the New York and New Jersey Company to complete the old Hudson River tunnel, and which was rushed through by the Board of Aldermen yesterday after the Pennsylvania franchise was granted, is as great a railroad scheme as that of the Pennsylvania."

"The franchise is really granted to the Erie and the Delaware and Lackawanna Railroads, which have already secured right of way and the property to build a big terminal station at Christopher street."

The scheme has been conducted in a quiet and diplomatic manner and was practically lost sight of under cover of the widespread attention and publicity accorded the Pennsylvania tunnel enterprise.

The property for the big station has already been acquired, the titles having been transferred last week in the office of Stetson, Jennings & Stetson, attorneys for the company, at No. 15 Broad street. Mr. Jennings, of the firm, is the son-in-law, it is said, of President Underwood, of the Erie Railroad.

**APPROVED BY SUBWAY BOARD.**

Recently the company presented its plans to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and they were approved by that body. No mention was then made that the company was backed by the two big railroad corporations or that these railroads contemplated the use of the proposed tunnel.

It was announced indefinitely that the company would build a station, but it was not stated that a mammoth one was to be a part of the plan.

According to the franchise just approved by the Board of Aldermen the city will be compensated on a sliding scale. It provides for a 3 per cent. payment on the gross receipts for the first five years, increasing to 5 per cent. for the years thereafter—payments to the city to be perpetual, or as long as the enterprise exists.

There are no labor or prevailing rate of wages clauses in the franchise. The motive power is to be electricity. The city is to have a lien upon the franchise and real property of the company under the river and streets to secure the payment of the charges.

**MAYOR LOW SURPRISED.**

When Mayor Low was told of the statement of Comptroller Grout that the real backers of the second tunnel are the Erie and Delaware, Lackawanna & Western roads he seemed greatly surprised.

"That is the first I have heard of it," said the Mayor. "If that is true it will bring two other big trunk lines into the city, and will mean a great development for that portion of the city."

The Mayor said it would be several days before the tunnel franchises would come before him for his signature.

**DENIAL FROM MADDOO.**

President McDoo, of the New York and New Jersey Railroad Company, denied this afternoon that the Erie and Lackawanna railroads are to enter Manhattan by the way of its tunnel.

"We expect," said Mr. McDoo, "to make arrangements by which our tunnel will give a direct connection with the trains of these companies, as well as with the trolleys, but we do not expect to have any traffic arrangements by which the trains of either will run direct into New York."

President Forbes, of the Board of Aldermen, said: "I am glad to hear

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## KEPT HER NERVE; HER LEGS GONE.

Miss Lola Leonard, When Run Over by a Train Near Yonkers, Motioned for Pencil and Paper.

**SHE WROTE HER IDENTITY.**

Miss Lola Leonard, nineteen years old, of No. 628 Van Cortlandt Park avenue, Yonkers, near Yonkers, while returning from the home of a friend with whom she had passed the afternoon yesterday, fell under the wheels of a train at the Park Hill station on the Putnam Railroad. Her legs were so mangled and crushed that she died at St. Joseph's Hospital.

After she had been lifted from beneath the wheels of the train she was conveyed to a sheltered place, and, despite her terrible injuries, she retained consciousness. Not able to speak, she signalled for paper and wrote on it with trembling hand: "I am Lola Leonard. I live at 628 Van Cortlandt Park avenue, Yonkers."

An ambulance took her to St. Joseph's Hospital, where an operation was performed upon her, but the shock and loss of blood proved too much and she died two hours later. The body was conveyed to the young woman's home at Yonkers, and the funeral will take place on Friday.

Her family is quite numerous. It was so stormy at the time of the accident that few people witnessed it, and no news was received at the headquarters, Yonkers, until to-day.

**DESTROYED BY EARTHQUAKE**

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 17.—The town of Andijan, in Central Asia, has been practically destroyed by an earthquake. No details or loss of life have as yet been ascertained.

The town has 30,000 inhabitants.

## ELEPHANT GOES ON RAMPAGE ON A HOBOKEN STEAMER PIER.

An elephant named Gyp, which arrived this afternoon on the steamer Patricia, went on a rampage in Hoboken. After being hoisted out of the hold of the vessel he broke loose and chased 400 men in all directions. After clearing pier 3 he went to pier 2 and chased all the occupants away. Then he returned to pier 3 and drove Oscar Weighe, a clerk, through a glass door.

Gyp was finally subdued by his keepers and returned to his stall.

**POLICE CAPT. COLGAN NOW UP ON CHARGES.**

Deputy Police Commissioner Ebstein announced this afternoon that he had preferred charges against Police Capt. Colgan, of the Sheephead Bay station, for neglect of duty. Mr. Ebstein asserts that the Captain permitted the maintenance of a pool-room at Curtis's Hotel in Voorhees lane. The place was raided by detectives from Brooklyn Police Headquarters last Thursday.

**LATE WINNERS AT NEW ORLEANS.**

Fifth Race—Scotch Plaid 1. Ernie 2. Trocadero 3. Sixth Race—Playlike 1. Jerry Hunt 2. Aratoma 3.

**JURY BOX FILLED IN FISH MURDER TRIAL.**

The twelfth juror was secured late this afternoon in the trial of Thomas Sharkey, charged with the murder of Nicholas Fish, banker and millionaire. Assistant District-Attorney Clarke made a brief opening speech. Court then adjourned.

## POWERS WANT TO FORCE WAR IN VENEZUELA.

Announcement in Berlin that Castro's Offer of Peace Is Not Satisfactory to Either of the Great European Powers as No Guarantee Accompanies It.

Chief Fear Now Felt is that a Long Drawn Out Blockade or Serious Bloodshed May Precipitate a Condition that Would Involve the United States.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—It is announced here that ships of the United States will be on the same basis as those of other nations so far as the blockade is concerned.

Germany considers that President Castro's proposal to arbitrate is inadequate, unaccompanied as it is with guarantee to pay, if the arbitrators decided against him, and a reply in this sense has been, or will be, sent through Minister Bowen. Great Britain will make a similar answer.

These statements are not official, but are derived from an excellent source.

A formal notification of the blockade of the Venezuelan coast by the war vessels of the allied powers is likely to be issued to-morrow.

## ENGLAND'S WAR TALK EXCITES WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Premier Balfour's announcement in the English House of Commons that there was now a state of actual war between Great Britain and Venezuela was received here with surprise. It is believed in official circles that while it makes the situation more critical in some respects, it clears up one point which promised to cause ugly complications.

It has been the contention of Secretary Hay and the President that a peaceful blockade could not exist, and notice accordingly was sent to the Powers that it would not be respected by American ships. So long as real war is on and a hostile blockade is maintained it will be legal and must be respected by all neutrals.

The danger now is as to the extent to which the allies will go in enforcing their demands. If the blockade is so long dragged out as to interfere with American commerce or if serious bloodshed should follow, the consequences may be of the most serious nature.

This is what the President and his advisers most fear.

In the event of serious hostilities it may be found exceedingly difficult to keep Congress in check. Much unrest already exists there, and one battle might cause an outburst of indignation that would cause complications of far-reaching effect.

At the same time the Administration is firm in the belief that a peaceful way will be found out of the whole trouble.

Failure of the European Powers to reply to Secretary Hay's second note concerning arbitration of the dispute with Venezuela is causing some uneasiness in administration circles. Twenty-four hours have now elapsed since word was cabled to the American Ambassadors at London, Berlin and Rome to again call the attention of the governments to which they are accredited to President Castro's offer of a peaceful settlement, and no word in answer has come back.

It is regarded as significant that Cleveland's famous Venezuela message was sent to Congress eight years ago to-day.

## NO PACIFIC BLOCKADE; IT IS WAR, SAYS BALFOUR.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Premier Balfour announced in the House of Commons to-day that there is no such thing as a "peaceful blockade."

He said war now actually exists between England and Venezuela. He declared that the specifications of the blockade would be announced to the powers within a day or two.

Mr. Balfour added that the blockade would be carried out with as little inconvenience to neutrals as possible. Nothing definite had occurred in reference to the arbitration proposal since his previous statement on the subject.

**WILL ACT TOGETHER.**

After reiterating Lord Lansdowne's brief statement in the House of Lords yesterday the Premier continued:

"The blockade will be carried out by Great Britain along different portions of the coast, and though the two fleets will have the same objects they will not act as one force."

"We never had any intention of landing troops in Venezuela or of occupying territory even temporarily. We do not think it desirable, on either

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